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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  <b>Address to:</b> Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, DC 20231	<b>Application Number</b>	09/611,279
	<b>Filing Date</b>	October 24, 2002
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	<b>Group Art Unit</b>	3652
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	Jeffrey A. Shapiro
	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	47171-00269USC1

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on August 23, 2002  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

## Fees

## 3. The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 10-0447 (47171-00269USC1)
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 10/28/2002 AWONDAF1 00000066 09611279
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2002. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, *i.e.*, by August 24, 2002. This response is being filed prior to that date and, thus, the response is timely. Please enter the following claim amendments and remarks into the record for this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 164-168, 188, 191, 202-220, 225-233, 249, 258-267, 273-276, 286-300, 306-311, 315-316, and 320-321 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 169, 177-180, 185, 189-190, 192, 194, 200, 221, 234, 239, 250, 255, 277, 284-285, 312-314, and 317 as follows: